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Midwest celebrates funding win

Two local community groups are celebrating this week thanks to much needed funding from the Midwest Community Foundation.

The Geraldton and Regional Schools Arts Festival and Centacare Family Services shared in \$2,000 of grant funding aimed at supporting community activities that are vital to the region's sustainable development.

Using the grant funding:

- Geraldton and Regional Schools Arts Festival will purchase signage to promote its 2010 event; and
- Centacare Family Services will continue to host its Indigenous Children Programme aimed at improving parenting skills and strengthening child-parent relationships. Activities in the program include a women's monthly cooking club, school holiday activities, a children's movie night and monthly community meetings.

This announcement comes after a number of local families have already received back-to-school relief thanks to funds provided by the Midwest Community Foundation, as part of the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal's initiative earlier in the year.

Commenting on how the new grants would affect the community, Midwest Community Foundation spokesperson, Tammy Sandison said, "The impact of these grants is far-reaching for our local community."

"To have the opportunity to bring the community together to celebrate student creativity and to enable Centacare to continue its important work with local families is just invaluable," Ms Sandison said.

The Midwest Community Foundation is part of the Western Australian Community Foundation, a not-for-profit organisation that has recently approved a total of \$1.7 million of grants to local communities across regional and remote WA, who applied for financial support for grass-roots initiatives in their community.

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